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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Jan 22	34	27	
Wed., Jan 23	31	26	
Thurs., Jan 24	32	26	
Fri., Jan 25	30	26	
Sat., Jan 26	31	22	
Sun., Jan 27	32	21	.05 3/4" snow
Mon., Jan 28	34	22	3/4" snow

Mustangs bag 1st CBC win; Fillies whip No. 1 10 economic matters discussed at HEDC annual meeting



Jodi Padberg shoots while Missy Eubanks (back) and Dana Reid (front) move in.

By MIKE OTHS
Heppner's girls basketball team, fresh from its triumph over No. 1 ranked Umatilla, will set their sights on a new No. 1 team this weekend, while the much-improved boys varsity will try to add to their initial CBC win, a Saturday night upset of Wahtonka.

Both teams will be at home Friday night, against Wasco County, and then will travel to Sherman County on Saturday. Games begin at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The Fillies will find themselves trying to defend their first place standing in the CBC East. Last Friday, the 11-2 girls knocked Umatilla from its No. 1 ranking, handing the previously unbeaten Vikings a 38-35 setback. On Saturday, the Fillies bombed Wahtonka, 74-40, and moved into sole possession of first place, as Umatilla was beaten again, in overtime, by Weston-McEwen.

Although certainly not overlooking Wasco County, the Fillies must be set for another No. 1 showdown on Saturday, as they face soon-to-be No. 1 Sherman County. The Huskies were No. 2 prior to Umatilla's losses, and will probably ascend to the top spot. Sherman's only loss was to

Madras, and the Huskies should prove to be a stern test. They were No. 1 most of last season also, handing Heppner two of its losses, including the elimination blow in the District playoffs.

Meanwhile, the boys will head into this weekend on a high note, following the 55-45 win over Wahtonka's Eagles. The Mustangs saw a valiant comeback short Friday night, as they erased most of an 18-point third quarter deficit, only to fall 61-57 to Umatilla. Friday's game against Wasco will feature a Redside club that has posted a gaudy 12-1 record so far, its only loss coming last Saturday against a very tough Stanfield team. On Saturday, the Mustangs will face a struggling Sherman team-one which has won only one game, and is winless in league play. Sherman County is always tough at home, however, and should give the Mustangs all that they can handle.

As of press time, plans were uncertain for a planned fan bus to Moro for Saturday's game. Persons interested in making the trip should call the High School (676-9138) by the end of the school day on Thursday, and express their interest.

Ten issues of economic importance to the city of Heppner were addressed by the Heppner Economic Development Commission (HEDC) at its annual meeting Monday night at the Elks Lodge in Heppner.

At the top of the HEDC's list was the possible closure of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, and the removal of several government offices from town, for transfer to Lexington.

Outgoing president, Jim Hayes, passed out a list of top issues all citizens of the area should be concerned with, and asked membership to place those issues in the order of priority of economic importance.

Closure of the hospital and the moving of the ASCS, County Extension and Soil and Water Conservation District offices out of town were cited time and again as being the most important.

Although nothing official has been announced word has been circulating that the government offices are looking for a new location, possibly in Lexington.

The offices, which are now located on the second floor above the Coast to Coast store in Heppner, reportedly need new handicapped facilities and more parking area; however, landlord for the offices Dick Sargent says he has not been contacted by the government agencies on any of the issues.

Although moving the offices would not be disastrous, said Hayes, "It's

one of those small things that chews away at you."

Where the offices would move to in Lexington has not been determined, however, the possibility of new offices being built has been discussed.

Troubles at Pioneer Memorial Hospital are also high on the HEDC's list of economic problems in Heppner.

The hospital has had too few patients over the last two years and is in severe economic trouble. The HEDC is now helping the hospital board of directors in its efforts to secure another doctor for the Heppner area, thus keeping people in town for medical services and consequently increasing use of the hospital.

(The hospital board is approaching the problem from various directions, including the possible contracting of hospital management with a private professional management company.)

"Maintaining the hospital in good shape means a lot to a community our size, and I think our hospital is in real jeopardy," said Hayes.

Other issues deemed important by the HEDC include:

—word that the railroad may close the spur line into Heppner, thus eliminating rail transportation in the area.

—the HEDC is moving ahead with its work on securing a camping and recreational area on the shore of Willow Creek Lake near town. This has been an on-going project on which the corporation has spent quite a bit of time the past year.

"We're still working on the master plan for the area which has to be sent to Washington for approval (through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which built the dam and is assisting with the campground project)," said Hayes. "But we will eventually see some very nice development up there," he added.

—closing the Department of Motor Vehicles Office. Hayes says the state has been surveying DMV offices and Heppner's is going to be closed.

—the county (maybe) considering closing the land fill outside of town after the lease on the property expires in April, leaving the area without a public place to dump garbage.

—tourism needs to be explored as an industry beneficial to the area.

—more motel space is needed for travelers coming through town.

—conduct a business site inventory in Heppner.

—try and encourage building on the burned-out site in town.

—keep a watch on the condition of the fair facilities, and the fair's deficit budget.

Also during the annual meeting HEDC members elected three new board members. They were Cliff Green to a three year term, Ann Spicer to a three year term, and Ernie McCabe to a one year term.

The HEDC meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to join should contact an HEDC board member.

Bogus prizes offered locally

"You have just won over \$3,000 in prizes."

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun reports that recently several local people have received telephone calls of this nature. But there's a catch: the caller informs the prize-winner that he must have a valid credit card to win the prizes then asks for the expiration date and credit card number.

Chief Rathbun warns that the caller is especially interested in

VISA cards. Never give your credit card number so that you may claim prizes or you may find the prizes charged to your account, concluded the Police Chief.

Activity bus tentatively planned

An attempt is being made to take an activity bus to Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 2 for the basketball games there. If there are enough students and adults from the community who indicate a desire to go to the games, arrangements will be made for a bus to go. The cost of will be \$1.50 per person plus a game admission cost of \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

The bus would leave at 3 p.m. Saturday and return around midnight.

Adults interested in riding a bus are asked to call the school office (676-9138) and leave their name. This should be done no later than Thursday, Jan. 31.

Should there be more who wish to go than there is room for, priority will be given to those who call in earliest.

General fund proposal approved by school budget committee

Monday evening the Morrow County School District Budget Committee completed its work on reviewing the district's proposed budget for the 1985-86 school year reports a district spokesperson.

The committee unanimously approved a general fund budget in the amount of \$8,684,303.

The committee also approved special fund budgets for federal programs, bonded indebtedness, food services and student body accounts.

Final adjustments in the budget figures included an increase in the projected revenues from the state Basic School Support Fund and the shift of some cafeteria equipment purchases into the food services fund from the general fund budget. Also the committee took into ac-

count an anticipated increase in the county's assessed valuation for next year in determining its estimate of the tax levy rate needed to fund the educational program for the coming year.

Ad seminar set for Heppner

Effective Advertising for Small Business will be the topic of a special workshop to be presented Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Heppner by Blue Mountain Community College's Small Business Development Center.

The workshop will meet in the Elks Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the cost to be \$40 per participant. Sponsors of the workshop include BMCC and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The

A detailed summary of the proposed budget for the school district for 1985-86 will appear in next week's Gazette-Times concluded the spokesperson.

Chamber's sponsorship includes providing a free luncheon for workshop participants.

Dennis Widmer will lead the workshop. He is president of ComCast Media Service, Inc. based in Milton-Freewater. In addition to his advertising firm, Widmer is also a radio station owner and former newspaper publisher.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include advertising design, budget and analysis. Widmer has special tips for businesses interested in saving up to 30 percent on their advertising budget.

A past president of the Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce, Widmer is president of the Walla Walla Exchange Club and is on the Board of Directors of the Umatilla County United Way. He is an advertising and media consultant to the Baker-Boyer Bank, Bank of Commerce and Frontier Federal Savings and Loan.

"Dennis presents the essentials of effective advertising in a refreshing style born of his experience in working for and with small business people of our area," according to Tom Hampson, director of the Small Business Development Center.

Persons interested in registering for the seminar should contact the SBDC in Pendleton at 276-6233 or call the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Beef promotion underway at Schwab Tire Centers

Les Schwab Tires 21st annual Free Beef Promotion is now underway at the local Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner.

As with last year the company will be offering certificates good for free beef with the purchase of tires.

Throughout the Northwest the tire centers will promote free beef on television, radio and in local newspapers as well as local cook-offs and beef demonstrations with the CowBelles at the Les Schwab Tire Centers.

The Morrow County CowBelles will be holding a free chili feed at the Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner on Friday, Feb. 15.

Mr. Schwab stated, "It's our way of beefing up the tire business in February and at the same time supporting our Northwest beef industry. Many of my first customers were farmers and ranchers. In fact, their loyalty over the years helped our growth and our free beef promotion was our way of saying thanks."

Customer Appreciation Day slated at Morrow Co. Grain Growers

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold its annual customer appreciation day Saturday, Feb. 9.

The special day will begin with a free pancake breakfast beginning at 8 a.m., and will continue with free door prizes, demonstrations by various product representatives and equipment on display.

Ag Honors scholarships offered

By STEVE CAMPBELL
Morrow County Extension Agent

The Agricultural Honors Scholarship might be just the creative opportunity to provide a challenge for some bright and enterprising local high school senior. The E. R. Jackman Foundation and the Agricultural Research Foundation's Savery Fund provided \$25,000 in scholarship awards last year. They fund the Agricultural Honors Scholarship which is in the sum of \$1,000 and is awarded to an entering student in the College of Agriculture. High school seniors and transfer students are considered for the award.

The best and brightest students in the local area are encouraged to apply for this award. The applica-

tion deadline is April 15, 1985. The requirements for the scholarship include:

- upper 10 percent of their class
- an overall record of academic performance and student leadership
- meet admissions standards for agricultural programs
- enrollment in the College of Agriculture

If you, or any one you know, meets these criteria and is interested in applying for this award contact the Morrow County Extension office in Heppner, 676-9642. Application forms and additional information are available.

Doctor visits Heppner



Marcia Anderson, Lisa, and Curtis Thiessen

Dr. Curtis Thiessen from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada was in Heppner last Saturday to look at the facilities at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and to see the town of Heppner. Thiessen and his wife, Lisa, a Registered Nurse have been married for seven months. He is a general practitioner who says that he "wants to be a family doctor and not specialize." Although he grew up in Winnipeg which has a population of 600,000, he has been reportedly looking at several rural settings, but Heppner was his only stop in the Northwest.

Thiessen was referred to Heppner through the doctor recruiting firm of

Jackson and Coker which the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board hired recently.

Newly elected president of the Hospital Board, Marcia Anderson says that the Board is not trying to replace the doctors who are already located in Heppner, but is responding to a need which has been expressed to them for expanded local medical services.

Anderson replaces Fred Martin as president. By laws require the board to reorganize each January. Other members of the board include Vice President Frank Pearson, Secretary Renee Siminoo, Gail Grail, and Fred Martin.

Free throw winners to compete at district



Pictured above are the winners of last Saturday's Hoop Shoot Competition sponsored by the Elks for children in both Ione and Heppner schools. These winners are eligible to compete February 16 at the District Hoop Shoot in Hermiston against the winners from 11 other lodges. Those who win at the district

competition will be eligible for state competition to be held in Corvallis at a later date.

Back row, from left: Co-ordinator Jim Swanson, Russel Britt, Nancy Wright, and Dave Gunderson.

Front row from left: Richard Pettyjohn, Kevin Payne, Jessica Hedman, and Sheryl Konkin.